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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors'  
Public Safety Committee  
Meeting of May 17, 2006**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Public Safety Committee Chester Stribling called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**2. Introduction of Participants**

Present were:

- Mr. Chester Stribling, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Lee District)
- Mr. Bill Downey, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Scott District)
- Lieutenant Colonel Dave Flohr
- Chief Philip Myer, Fauquier County Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fire and Rescue Association.
- Chief Connie Novak, Warrenton Police Department
- Mr. Bill Dugan, Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Communications Ctr.
- Mr. Tim McMenamin, Director, Warrenton-Fauquier Joint Communications Ctr.
- Dr. Bill Barker, DFES/FRA
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Assistant County Administrator

**3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda**

Mr. Stribling moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting. Generally concurred.

**4. Conversion of Three Deputy Positions from Part to Full Time**

Lieutenant Colonel Flohr brought forward a request to convert three deputy positions from part to full time in order to enhance courtroom security. After discussion, the Committee approved this request and forwarded it to the Finance Committee to identify appropriate funding.

**5. Additional Bealeton Fire Station**

General discussion ensued about two individuals in the community who had approached the Fire and Rescue Association about starting a 14<sup>th</sup> company in the Bealeton. Mr. Marable indicated that it was the recommendation of the Fire and Rescue Association that the original Fire and Rescue Services Plan be followed. Supervisor Downey indicated that he saw no reason to deviate from the original plan unless there was a response time problem in Bealeton. Supervisor Stribling agreed. Generally concurred.

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**6. Fire Marshall Ordinance**

Chief Myer sought approval of the Committee to draft various changes to the Fire Marshall Ordinance, including the provision of a fee schedule. Generally concurred.

**7. Replacement of Fire and Rescue Computer Servers**

Chief Myer requested that this item be continued to the June Public Safety Committee meeting.

**8. Department of Homeland Security Grant**

Chief Myer sought the Committee's approval to apply for a Department of Homeland Security Grant that would require a local cash match. The Committee directed him to bring this issue to the Finance Committee in order to identify funding for the match.

**9. Route 66 Verizon Cell Tower**

After general discussion, the Committee agreed that this topic was not an appropriate one for action as it was already being addressed at the Board of Supervisors level. Supervisor Downey indicated that there were other alternatives to address the lack of cell coverage identified by Mr. Marable as a safety concern.

Discussion ensued about defects in Motorola workmanship related to "nylon cable bundling". Supervisor Downey requested Ms. Heritage to touch base with Deputy County Administrator, Tony Hooper, to determine what steps were being taken to remedy this situation.

**10. Ambulance Billing Memorandum of Understanding**

Ms. Heritage indicated that she did not believe a majority of the Board of Supervisors would approve funding for the Springsted mediation proposal until the Fire and Rescue Association had signed an MOU agreeing to start ambulance billing and agreeing upon a time line. Mr. Marable indicated that he believed that execution of such an MOU would be approved at the next FRA Chief's meeting.

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**11. Fire Act Grant Submission**

Chief Myer sought the Committee's approval to accept a pass-through Fire Act Grant. Generally concurred.

**12. Roundtable**

Mr. McMenamin indicated that the Joint Communications Center was fully staffed. Chief Myer indicated that there would be an Emergency Response Tabletop Drill at the hospital on Saturday, May 20, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**13. Adjourn**

Hearing no further business, Mr. Stribling called for adjournment. Generally concurred.

*Given under my hand this 18th day of May, 2006*

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*Catherine M. Heritage, Assistant County Administrator*